



A PROCLAMATION

Discharging Forraign. Copper or Brass-Coyn.



WILLIAM by the Grace of God King of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith; To

Macers of Our Privy Council Messengers at Armes, Our Sheriffs in that part Conjunctly and severally specially constitute greeting; For as much as, We understand that several Persons both Natives and Forraigners, presume to import into this Kingdom Forraign Black-money, as the black-money called *French Doyets* and *Irish Half-pennies*, or other Copper or Brass Coyn of that Sort, which is contrary to the Laws of this Our Antient Kingdom, and manifestly prejudicial to the Mint and Covnage thereof; Therefore, We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, have thought fit to discharge, & hereby do discharge all Forraign Black-money, and all Brass or Copper Coyn whatsoever not Coyned at Our Mint, In this Our Antient Kingdom, to be theteunto imported under the pain of Confiscation of what shall be imported in the contrary, and such other pains as the Laws inflict on the saids importers. And farder We with advice foresaid, ordain that no such Forraign Black-money or Copper or Brass-Coin not Coined within this Our Realm, have course therein, or be offered in Payments after the Day and Date hereof, under the Pain of Ten pounds, *toties quoties*, to be exacted by the next Magistrat, in case of transgressing the the Premisses, by and attour the Confiscation of the Brass and Copper-Money to be imported, or offered in payments contrair hereunto. **OUR WILL IS HEREOF**, and We charge you strictly, and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and remanent Mercat-Crosses of the Head-burghs of the several Shires and Stewartries within this Kingdom, and therein Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make Intimation hereof that none pretend Ignorance; And Ordains these Presents to be Printed.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh the fourth day of May, and of Our Reign the Ninth Year 1697.



Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

GILB. ELIOT. *Clk. Sti. Concilii*

GOD save the King.

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